

EPC Hearing Notice

Publication of EPC hearing notices in the *Albuquerque Journal* will now occur on the **Wednesday - 22 days prior** to the public hearing on the **3rd Thursday of the month**. The hearing notice includes the time, place and date of the hearing along with a brief description of each application on the agenda. Previously, hearing notices were published 15 days before the public hearing. The reason for this change is to meet the advertising requirements for EPC study sessions which occur on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Rather than advertising the hearing and study session separately, a single notice will be prepared to advertise both. Contact the Planning Department at **924-3860** if you have questions.

Neighborhood Alert – Be aware that public comments at EPC Meetings have a time limitation due to the length of the EPC Hearings. The **48-Hour Rule of the EPC**: All written materials and other documents shall be submitted to the Planning Dept. no later than **9 a.m.** on the **Tuesday** of the Public Hearing week. For an Appeal Hearing – no communication with EPC is allowed within five days of the Public Hearing.

In order to make maximum use of the following information please note:

- Scan the entire list to see if your neighborhood association has a case this month.
- The name and phone number of the developer/agent is listed so that you can easily contact them should you have any questions.
- The assigned staff planner is identified with each agenda item should you need additional information (i.e., check on the actual placement of your case on the agenda). All staff may be reached at **924-3860**.
- On the day of the Hearing, call Planning at **924-3860** and the receptionist will give you the status of the Hearing.
- Staff reports are available at the Planning Office beginning at **3 p.m.** on the **Thursday** prior to the EPC Hearing.

On the **2nd Thursday of each month**, the EPC has a Study Session to review the applications scheduled for the all-day public hearing which occurs on the **3rd Thursday of each month**. As with the Public Hearing, **the public is invited** to attend the Study Sessions; however, Study Sessions do not provide an open forum. Discussion is limited to staff and the EPC. Study Sessions regularly begin at 4 p.m. in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room. Please call the Planning Department at **924-3860** to confirm the Study Session schedule as adjustments are made occasionally.

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, August 25, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, September 16, 2004 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Hearing Room for the following cases:

Northeast

Loma Del Rey, San Gabriel Area (neighborhood association); 04EPC-01206, 01207 & 01208, Project #1000980 (case #'s); Approximately one (1) acre located on the south side of Montgomery Boulevard NE between Parsifal Street NE and Eubank Boulevard NE (**location of request**); G-20 (**zone atlas page #**); NCA Architects at **255-6400**, agent for New Mexico Bank and Trust (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests a Site Development Plan for Subdivision, Building Permit and Amendment to Building Permit currently zoned C-2 (**action requested**); Russell Brito at **924-3337 (city staff planner)**.

No association; 04EPC-01213, Project #1000874; Approximately seven (7) acres located on the north side of Desert Surf Circle NE between Alexander and Montano NE; F-16; Pete Ford at **884-0499**, agent for Entertainment Ventures Limited; Requests a Site Development Plan Building Permit zoned SU-1 for C-2; Elvira Lopez at **924-3910**.

Santa Barbara-Martineztown, Stronghurst Improvement; 04EPC-01214 and 01215, Project #1000195; Approximately 8 acres located on the west side of Broadway Boulevard NE between Menaul Boulevard NE and Claremont NE; H-14; Claudio Vigil Architects at **842-1113** agent for Mech-Con Investments, LLC; Requests approval of Amendment to Site Development Plan for Subdivision zoned SU-1 Planned Industrial Development; Elvira Lopez at **924-3910**.

Del Norte, Hodgin, Montgomery Park, 04EPC-01216, Project #1003596, Approximately one acre located on the northwest corner of San Mateo Boulevard NE between San Mateo Boulevard NE and Montgomery Boulevard NE; F-17; Golden and Associates at **401-9800** agent for Brewer Oil Co., Inc.; Requests approval of Site Development Plan for Building Permit zoned SU-1 C-2 with Warehouse; Stephanie Shumsky at **924-3933**.

Countrywood Area, Nor Este, North Domingo Baca, North Wyoming, Countrywood HOA, La Cueva Village, 04EPC-01221 and 01222, Project #1002112; Approximately six acres located on the southeast corner Wyoming Boulevard NE between Paseo Del Norte NE and Palomas Drive NE; D-19; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **764-9801** agent for Sold Gold Classic, Ltd.; Requests approval of Site Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit zoned SU-2 Mixed Use; Juanita Vigil at **924-3349**.

Northwest

Near North Valley, Wells Park; 03EPC-01676 and 01677, Project #1000649; Approximately 47 acres located on the north side of Indian School Road NW between Menaul NW and 12th Street NW; H-13; DCSW Inc. at **843-9639** agent for IPDFC; Requests Site Development Plan Subdivision and Zone Map Amendment; Deborah Stover at **924-3940**.

Crestview Bluff; 04EPC-01202, Project #1003595; Approximately one (1) acre located on the south side of Salvador SW between Central SE and Coors SW; L-11; Benny Lucero at **831-6070** agent for Benny Eloy Lucero; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to RT; Stephanie Shumsky at **924-3933**.

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Cottonwood Heights, The Paloma Del Sol, Paradise Heights, Paradise Hills Civic, Saragossa, Horizon Hills; 04EPC-01204, Project #1001685; Approximately 14 acres located on the west side of Golf Course Road NW between McMahon Boulevard NW and the Calabacillas Arroyo; A-12; Consensus Planning at **764-9801** agent for TS McNaney and Associates; Requests approval for Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for IP Perm. w/exceptions to R-T; Stephanie Shumsky at **924-3933**.

The Paloma Del Sol, Horizon Hills; 04EPC-01209 and 01210, Project #1001043; Approximately 17 acres located on the north side of McMahon Boulevard NW between Bandelier Drive NW and McMahon Boulevard NW; A-12; Bohannon Huston, Inc. at **823-1000** agent for New Mexico Utilities; Requests approval for Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Site Plan for Building Permit zoned SU-1; Deborah Stover at **924-3940**.

Taylor Ranch, Alban Hills; 04EPC-01211 and 01212, Project #1001888; Approximately 3 acres located on the south side of Coors Boulevard NW between La Orilla NW and Montano Boulevard NW; E-12; Rio Grande Engineering at **321-9099** agent for La Orilla Group LLC; Requests approval of Site Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit zone C-1 (SC); Chris Hyer at **924-3927**.

Taylor Ranch, Coors Trail, Alban Hills, 04EPC-01217 and 01218, Project #1003597; Approximately five acres located on the east side of Coors NW between Coors and La Orilla NW; D-12; John A. Myers at **247-9080** agent for Coors 8 Pak, a New Mexico General Partnership; Requests approval of Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit zoned SU-1/C-2 uses; Elvira Lopez at **924-3910**.

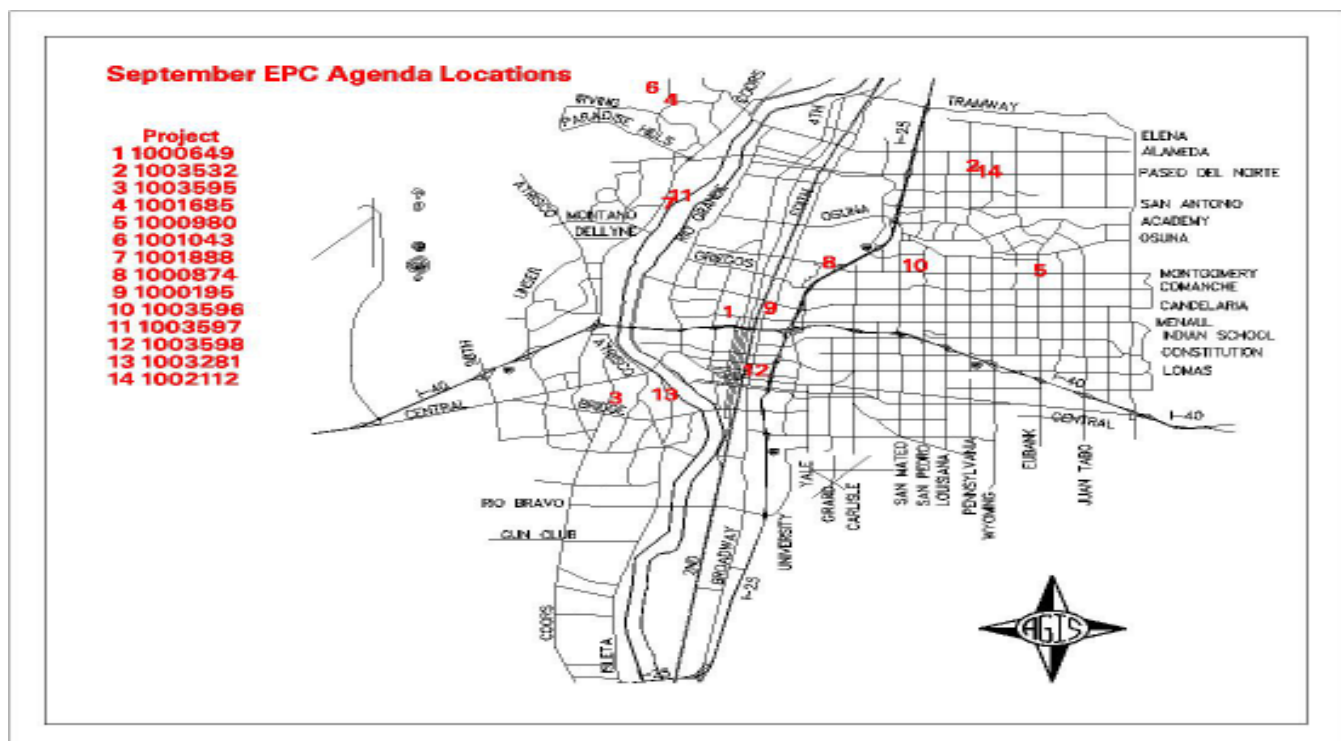
Broadway Central Corridors Partnership, Citizens Information Committee of Martineztown, Downtown Neighborhoods, Huning Highland Historic District, Reynolds Addition, Santa Barbara-Martineztown, South Broadway, Barelaz, Huning Highland, North Fourth Camino Real Merchants, Downtown Action Team, 04EPC-01219, Project #1003598; Approximately all or a portion of Tract 121, zoned SU-3, Special Center Zone, located on the north side of Central Avenue and First Street between Second and the Railroad Tracks and Central and Martin Luther King NW; K-14; Rossetti Architects at **(310) 416-9660** agent for City of Albuquerque; Requests approval of Downtown Albuquerque Sports and Entertainment Arena; Bob Paulsen at **924-3346**.

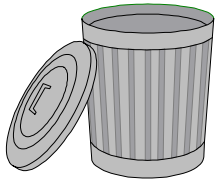
Southwest

Vecinos Del Bosque, 04EPC-01220, Project #1003281; Approximately 12 acres located on the south side of Powell SW between Sunset Road SW and Atrisco SW; K-12; Garcia/Kraemer and Associates at **242-5566** agent for Sunset Villa Land Inc. and Joe R. Hahn; Requests approval of Site Development for Subdivision zoned SU-1, R-1 Permissive 55 du max; Carmen Marrone at **924-3814**.

EPC Case Reference Map

(*Not to scale, for reference purposes only*)





Talkin' Trash

*Submitted by
Tina Trekker*

There is a tremendous need for education and change in attitude in our city, especially concerning littering, illegal dumping and recycling.

There are those who feel dumping unwanted items in alleys, arroyos or vacant lots is acceptable behavior. In an effort to change the public's overall behavior, we have established opportunities for presentations and tours on the importance of maintaining our environment and have advertised with PSA's, billboards, ads in print media and magazines. In an attempt to reach the adult population, we are targeting our youth. We now offer classroom presentations to all APS schools, as well as to any group who is curious about how the system works. If a tour of the recycling facility or landfill is feasible for your class, those can also be scheduled.

In our Awareness and Education Initiative, Neighborhood Associations will be asked to adopt an area to maintain/clean up at least once a month. Businesses will also be asked to make a commitment by adopting an area to clean/maintain, at the very least, on a monthly basis. APS will contribute by participation in the Clean Campus Contest. The Office of Neighborhood Coordination will offer anti-littering and illegal dumping news and information in a dedicated monthly column, titled, Talkin' Trash. Coalitions, organizations, civic, and non-profit groups are being asked to participate in the same manner.

At any time you're out driving, jogging, cycling, or walking, you will see discarded items on the side of our roadways, streets, and parks. Tires, couches, water heaters, miscellaneous household trash, even used oil can be found behind supermarkets, malls, alleys, and on the mesa. Paper, cans, bottles, and cigarette butts can be seen hanging

out at parks and at many intersections and stop signs. There is a need to have trash receptacles at all bus stop locations throughout the city and county. Citizens are seen standing or sitting at these sites with food and drink in hand with no place to put the empty wrappers or bags. The same goes for our hiking, jogging and biking trails - hundreds of people use these areas daily, with little or no planned trash receptacle placement so users may properly discard their trash.

On a larger scale of littering we find illegal dumping sites. This is an area where truckloads of trash are dumped - not just the empty soda bottle or bag thrown carelessly from a vehicle. These violators deliberately plan and arrange to take their unwanted items to vacant lots or out to the mesa. This is usually done at night, but it sometimes happens during the day. The city offers free large item pick up at your curb. There are charities that pick up large, reusable items, at no charge - and yet you can still find mattresses, appliances, buckets, wood, tires, tree limbs, dead animals and car parts in mounds throughout the city and county. Hopefully, the new extended hours at the convenience centers and education will help deter this trend. These eyesores affect our health, the environment, and marketability of properties in the surrounding area. Safety is also an issue - used needles and other health care paraphernalia have been found in these mounds of garbage.

Just as important as proper disposal of our waste, is being more efficient in picking up recycling routes in a timely manner. Missed items often end up scattered in and around neighborhoods. Recycling has been helpful because discarded materials can be separated, processed and made into reusable items. Not only does this save landfill space and money, it helps preserve our natural resources and decreases air pollution. **The City of Albuquerque will shift from every other week recycling collection to every week.** We must let every household know of this significant change in

scheduling in an effort to gain our participants' confidence. Pickup of these recyclables, on a weekly basis, is critical to the success or failure of the program. The national average for recycling participation in 2000 was 28%. In Albuquerque, our percentage has decreased from approximately 24% to 18%, due to the changes in scheduled service and missed collections. We have lost many recyclers because of these reasons, but hopefully not forever. We are constantly looking for ways to change this trend. I'm thankful for our recycling program even with its deficiencies. Paper, cans, aluminum and plastics that would or could be on the side of our streets, roads and in our arroyos are being reused. Let's not falter in our efforts - we need to keep up the good work.

We can increase and improve our efforts in education and marketing by constructing signs and placing them in strategic areas, by providing tours, presentations, PSA's, and advertising. I truly believe our community will get the message. For those who may not, firm enforcement will give those in charge an opportunity to alter that kind of behavior and to demonstrate the need for a clean and litter-free environment.

Do your part - if you see trash lying around, pick it up and dispose of it properly, report illegal dumping (**768-DUMP**) and abandoned cars (**768-CARS**). If we all make an effort, we can:



CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments



APD Crime Prevention

Submitted By Steve Sink

IDENTITY THEFT

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in our country today. It is also one of the most difficult to detect until it is too late and the damage has been done. The time and energy to correct damaged credit and to re-establish your personal identity is reason enough to take steps to prevent this frustrating crime. The following prevention tips should be considered to protect your identity and to ensure your financial stability.

WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION SHOULD YOU PROTECT?

Social Security Number – Date of Birth – Name – Address – Phone Number – Bank Accounts – Mothers Maiden Name – PIN Numbers – Investment Information – Credit Cards – Any Personal Info.

HOW THIEVES STEAL YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION:

- Mailbox tampering – Do not leave out-going mail (especially paid bills) in your mailbox and collect each days mail promptly. If your neighborhood does not have a “common” mailbox with locking doors, contact your local post office. Also, report any mailbox damage immediately. Thieves will look for bank statements, pre-approved credit applications, utility bills, etc.
- Telemarketing fraud – Do not give out personal information over the phone or over the Internet. Fraudulent callers may pose as government officials, bank and insurance representatives, and/or any other “official” sounding and “concerned” person.

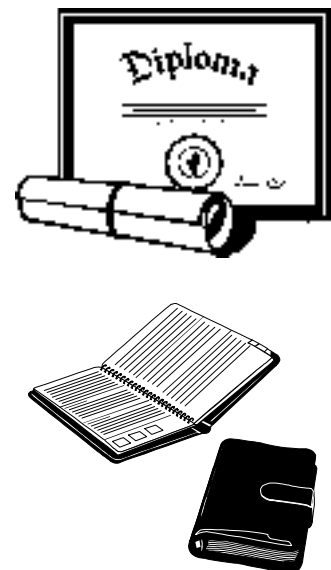
- “Dumpster divers” – Criminals may go through your trash to collect information about your personal situation. You should always shred credit cards and utility bills, including receipts, and any documents that list your personal information prior to disposal.
- Stealing Your Purse or Wallet – Carry only necessary items for a particular trip.
- Stealing Your Credit Report – An identity thief may pose as an employer, loan officer, landlord or realtor to gain access to your credit report.
- ATM Transactions – Be careful when using an ATM machine. Take special care to prohibit any one from seeing your PIN number. Do not write your number down – memorize it.
- New tactics – Criminals will try to stay one step ahead of our prevention techniques. Maintain your diligence and continue to be suspicious of a stranger who takes an interest in you.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM IDENTITY THEFT:

- Do not give your credit card or bank account numbers to any one over the phone unless you made the call and know the business.
- Do not give your Social Security number to any one and don’t have it printed on your checks.
- Shred all your papers with personal information that is no longer needed, including charge receipts, bank statements, expired credit cards, credit offers prior to disposal, etc.
- Reduce the number of cards you carry and don’t carry your Social Security card or number, birth certificate, or passport with

you except when necessary.

- Check credit card statements and report unauthorized purchases immediately.
- Be aware of people who are nearby when you use an ATM machine.
- When ordering new checks, do not have them sent to your home. Pick them up at the bank.
- Use a “Gel Pen” to write checks. Gel pens are difficult to wash and therefore cannot be reused if your checkbook is stolen.
- **If you are a victim** – Call the three major credit-reporting agencies and have a Fraud Alert placed in your file. Request a report from each source at least once a year to verify accuracy. They are – Equifax (1-800-525-6285), Experian (1-800-397-3742 or regionally at 602-528-7785), Trans Union (1-800-680-7289). The Social Security Administration Fraud Hotline (1-800-269-0271) and the Federal Trade Commission Hotline (1-877-IDTHEFT/438-4338) are also recommended contacts.



CITY SCOOP continued



Albuquerque Fire Department

“Real Heat” Firefighters Calendar Will Raise Money for a Memorial

On May 15, 2004 firefighters, from around the State, competed to be in the first annual **“Southwest Firefighters Calendar.”** A panel of celebrity judges including KOB-TV reporters Jessica Kartalija and Mindy Mizel and KKOB-Radio DJ Rebecca Hastings chose the top 13 firefighters.

In June local fashion photographer Martin Ryter completed the photo shoot. Martin is an international fashion photographer and donated his time to the calendar effort. The photo shoots took place at the Albuquerque Fire Academy and burned areas in the Bosque. The pictures feature Albuquerque, Kirtland Air Force Base and Las Cruces firemen and one firewoman from Bernalillo County Fire Department.

The 2005 calendars are scheduled for distribution in early September. Proceeds from the calendar sales will benefit the Firefighters Memorial Fund. To become a sponsor or to purchase a calendar contact: Lt. Lynn Reule at **934-8727** or **833-7302**; email address <lrule@cabq.gov>.

Firehouse Cookbook Raises Funds for Memorial

Local firefighters put their favorite firehouse recipes in the first annual **“Firehouse Favorites Cookbook”**. Firefighters from Albuquerque, Kirtland Air Force Base and Bernalillo County contributed to the book.

There are over 40 delicious recipes from breakfast to dessert. Some of the recipes include: Fireman’s Breakfast Pie (cause we’d never eat quiche!), Calzones and Chicken Cordon Bleu. Cookbooks cost \$10.00 and can be purchased by contacting Lt. Lynn Reule at **934-8727** or **833-7302**; email address <lrule@cabq.gov>. Proceeds from the cookbook sales will benefit the Firefighters Memorial Fund.

A Message from the Environmental Health Department Air Quality Division



Cultural Services

The Albuquerque Museum continues to grow. If you haven’t visited lately, stop by. You probably won’t recognize our building. We are very excited... construction is scheduled to be completed by this fall. New features include more gallery space, an expanded Museum Store and a cafe.

August Events At The Albuquerque Museum

Now On Display:

From Above: Images of a Storied Land

Aerial Photographs by Adriel Heisey
60 large-scale photographs by Adriel Heisey give an eagle’s perspective of the desert Southwest. The aerial photographs of ancient and modern landscapes are captured from a unique vantage point... an ultralight airplane. Experience the images and get an up close look at the plane through September 26, 2004. Docent-guided tours daily at 2 p.m.

Albuquerque Contemporary 2004

Magnifico presents its 15th annual regional juried exhibition at The Albuquerque Museum. See it through September 5.

Organic forms: Hand-Painted Photographs by Brigitte Carnochan

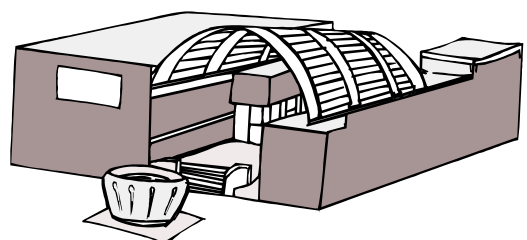
An exquisite collection of hand painted black and white photographs. The result is an amazing bouquet of painted flowers guaranteed to last forever. See these beautiful works through September 19.

Other Activities

Wednesday, August 4 – Free admission day at The Albuquerque Museum

Saturdays in August – Family Art Workshops - 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Visitors of all ages are invited to participate in Family Art Workshops every Saturday. Join us on August 7, 14, 21 & 28 for creative fun. All supplies are provided. **Free** with museum admission.



Public Works

Wastewater Utilities Division

Sewer Collapses Continued

In the last installment, we learned the havoc sewer line collapses can cause to the collection system, but did you know that sewer line collapses can cause extensive damage to equipment and create operational problems at the Southside Water Reclamation Plant (SWRP)?

On April 3, 2004, the city experienced several storm and sewer line breaks. Approximately 4,524 cubic yards of material consisting of gravel, sand, and grit washed down the collection system.



**Grit at SWRP From
The Sewer Collapse**

Several main process areas at SWRP were affected by the collapses. The Preliminary Treatment Facility (PTF) consists of two processes, the barscreens and the grit removal systems. The barscreens remove coarse solids such as

rags, toilet paper, wood and other large debris from the influent. A large amount of grit was deposited in the barscreen channels. The grit was over 4 feet deep in places and the grit completely disabled one barscreen. The grit system is designed to remove relatively small amounts of grit. The amount of grit carried into SWRP completely overwhelmed the grit system and once the system was filled, the grit was carried to the primary clarifiers.

Two of the primary clarifiers and associated equipment were completely plugged with grit. The primary clarifier process had to be shutdown. A very large amount of grit was pumped to the Sludge Blending Facility. Three pumps, two grinders, and several valves were affected by the grit. Primary digesters are large tanks designed to reduce volatile organics and pathogens. The severely affected process is still undergoing repairs.

In order to remove grit it is necessary to remove sludge as well, since the two are thoroughly mixed together. The total amount of grit mixed with sludge that needs to be removed from the collection system and SWRP is estimated to be 8,978 cubic yards.



**Gravel and Grit Taken From
A Primary Process**

Because of the excessive damage the sewer line collapses caused the Utility applied for a \$4,808,502 grant from Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA). Work is currently in progress and is scheduled to be completed within 18 months.

Transit

ABQ RIDE and EXPO New Mexico State Fair Park & Ride

September 2 through 19, 2004

Locations: Winrock Center (I-40 at Louisiana southeast corner near Bed, Bath & Beyond; West Side (Coors and St. Joseph's) southwest corner

Times: September 2 – 18; 8 a.m. to midnight
September 19; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Fares: 12 and older: \$1
Honored Citizen*: \$.50
Age 5 through 11: \$.50
4 and younger**: free

Fares are one-way only and do not include gate admission. Regular ABQ RIDE passes, transfers and promotional coupons will not be accepted. You must use exact change. Coins or bills should be placed in the fare box aboard the bus. Fare boxes do not give change. Drivers carry no cash and are unable to open the fare box.

***Honored Citizen:** Minimum age 62 or mobility impaired. Must show photo ID, including proof of age. Acceptable ID includes, ABQ RIDE Honored Citizen Card, Medicaid Card or state-issued identification.

****Children:** four years and under, when accompanied by an adult, ride free.

Mobility Impaired: If the ABQ RIDE bus is not equipped with a wheelchair lift, Mini Ride will be on call. Request that the bus driver radio for an accessible vehicle. At the EXPO, the on-site ABQ RIDE supervisor will radio for an accessible vehicle.

Additional Route 66 Central Avenue Service: September 2 through 18. Buses will run about every 30 minutes between Wenonah SE and Bridge SW through midnight. On September 19, the final run will be at 8 p.m. All passes and transfers will be accepted. Fare is \$1.

Call the ABQ RIDE Customer Service Center for more information: 243-RIDE V/TTY or visit ABQ RIDE Special Events at <www.cabq.gov/transit>



Planning

**Density, Variety and
Choice Conference
in Albuquerque
November 2004**

Emerging awareness of public health problems connected to our auto-oriented suburban life style has brought forth a nationwide public dialogue about how cities develop. Albuquerque, an automobile-oriented city, is ready to be part of that dialogue. Density is often blamed for visual blight, lower property values, traffic congestion, overcrowded schools, crime and other maladies. A special city sponsored conference on **Thursday, November 4, 2004** will explore the myth and reality of these assertions.

The intent of the conference is to create a positive exchange in which the public can express concerns and hear from local and national speakers about density issues based on real experiences. Participants will learn about the changing demands for living arrangements, the pros and cons of urban density, how to address legitimate concerns and obstacles to providing diverse, affordable housing choices for citizens. For further information please call Joel Wooldridge or Manjeet Tangri at **924-3860**.

More details about the conference will appear in the **September/October issue of the *Neighborhood News*.**

National Night Out 2004

If you weren't out and about in your neighborhood on Tuesday, August 2, 2004 - you should've been. Look what you missed!!!!!!!

Thanks to all the City staff who attended many of the 128 registered events throughout the City - neighborhood associations and Block Captains truly appreciate your support.

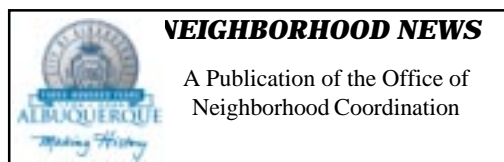


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